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## PROF. CRAMER AT CHAUTAUQUA



Prof. J. S. Cramer who is the principal of the Estancia schools for this year, has been chosen to manage the department of music for the New Mexico Chautauqua that is to be held at Mountainair Aug. 12th to 21st. It is the plan of Prof. and the committee to have a regular class in school singing and especially primary singing for the benefit of the teachers that will attend the Chautauqua. Also one of the leading features of the meetings will be a chorus composed of those present at the meeting which will sing at every performance. This chorus will be drilled by the Prof. and we are assured that it will be all that time and talent can make it.

The appointment of the Prof. to this place comes as an acknowledgment of his work in music in New Mexico during the past five years.

Prof. Cramer is a student of Prof. J. B. Paulin of Los Angeles, who studied under the famous William Shakespeare of London, acknowledged to be the greatest living singer. He has also studied extensively with other noted singers of Los Angeles and the western states.

Prof. Cramer has made a splendid success with the High School glee club of Estancia and we are sure that he will do as much for the chorus of the New Mexico Chautauqua.

## THE ACORN CLUB

The Acorn Club met Tuesday, Jan. 14th, with Mrs. Henry, hostess. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Jennings. Roll call was responded to by current events. The subject of year books was brought before the club and generally discussed. It was decided that a committee of the executive board meet and arrange the books. Refreshments were then served and much enjoyed. Club adjourned to meet Jan. 28, with Mrs. Jennings hostess, at which time paper bag cooking will be discussed and demonstrated.

## SCOTT DIBERT SHOOTS BROTHER

Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 19.—Scott Dibert, aged 20, who came here a few weeks ago from Topeka, Kas., shot and seriously wounded his brother Ammon Dibert, aged 30, and probably fatally wounded himself, on the pleasure pier here tonight. Young Dibert had been staying at a sanitarium here with his mother, Mrs. Anna W. Dibert.

Ammon Dibert, who is in the insurance business in Los Angeles, came down today to spend the day with his mother and brother. The brothers went out on the pier for a walk tonight and when near the end Scott suddenly drew a revolver and fired one shot at his brother. The bullet struck him in the neck and ranged upward, coming out of the right eye. He ran to a drug store, where he received medical attention. When the police reached the end of the pier they found Scott hanging partly over the railing with a bullet hole in his right temple. The doctors said he probably would die before morning.

The younger brother is said to have been recently confined in a sanitarium because of a mental derangement. According to Ammon he had had no trouble with his brother.

## A JAIL OVERFLOW

There was a jail delivery at the county lock-up Saturday night. It was somewhat in the nature of an overflow. There were too many inmates for the cell room, and three of the men who were charged with burning a car at Duran were selected as trustees and given quarters in the corridor—Luther Hartman, Norman Frederick and D. A. Sedbury. The two first named dug a hole through the brick wall Saturday night and took French leave. Sedbury declined to join in the get-away. He says he is guilty of no crime and does not want to incur the charge of jail breaking. The sheriff and deputy scoured the country Sunday but found no trace of the missing men. Word has been sent to officers at surrounding towns and probably they will be picked up, although they had some provisions and would be able to keep out of sight for several days. Hartman is nineteen years of age and Frederick about twenty-four.

Mr. Kemp, who is to give the next entertainment of the lyceum course, failed to arrive on the date advertised, and the ladies announce that a new date will be arranged as soon as possible.

## MISSOURI GIANTESS IS DEAD

"The Missouri Giantess" is dead. This remarkable woman's home was in the neighborhood which was formerly the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mason, both of whom knew her and vouch for all statements of fact in regard to her in the following extracts, reprinted from the Memphis (Mo.) Reveille:

Ella Ewing of Gorin, tallest lady in the world, died Saturday, January 10. She was eight feet four inches in height.

Her father, who survives, is six feet tall, and her mother was five feet nine inches in height.

As the father stood beside his daughter he looked like a child in size.

Up to 1880 Miss Ewing displayed no extraordinary characteristics, but was just like other little Missouri girls. After she had reached her ninth birthday she began to grow very rapidly, and at ten years of age she measured six feet nine inches.

At this period she suffered a great deal of discomfort, as nothing was large enough for her, beds, tables, chairs, and other articles of domestic furniture being ridiculously small for the young giantess. None of the garments worn by ordinary women would fit her, and she soon outgrew those expressly made for herself.

When she was seven feet tall, she had the tastes and ideas of a little girl. When Ella ran in playing with other children, everybody paused to watch her. At the table she was cramped, and the rooms in the house suitable to her father and mother, were as a cage to her.

Her life was growing to be a serious problem to the poor farmer, for Ella, already of enormous size, was steadily growing.

This problem was solved one fall at the county fair in Memphis where they had taken her, as usual, to see the sights, but where she herself was the most curious sight on the grounds. The people followed her about, and stared and pointed her out until the poor child became miserable.

At our fair an enterprising man with an eye to business realized her value. He called at the farm to see her and her father and after much talk she agreed to travel about from one county fair to another, to be displayed as a giantess, her mother accom-

panying her and the man acting as agent.

The prospect of helping her parents on whom she had been such a charge for so many years, induced Miss Ella to travel in this way.

The first time the curious crowds thronged into the little tent for a look at her she cried constantly. But in time with large receipts as a constant incentive, she became accustomed to the life and got over disliking it.

The next step in her career from the cramped uncomfortable farmhouse to notoriety and affluence was when Barnum, that enterprising showman, heard of her and engaged her at a good price to travel with his show. This she did, accompanied by her mother for several years, seeing life under many skies.

The home in which Miss Ella died has doors 10 feet high, ceilings 15 feet and windows as high as the doors, so that she could go in and out and look out of the windows without stooping.

All the articles of furniture are proportionately large, her tables being 4 1/2 feet from the floor, just high enough for her, and yet not so high as to be beyond the reach of people who don't mind stretching a little.

Her bath tub is 6 feet long, made so that she could sit in it comfortably. Her bureau is 6 feet high, and has no drawers at the bottom, so she was not compelled to stoop greatly.

The closets for clothes and china are as large as the bedrooms of an ordinary house.

The bed is 9 1/2 feet long, and on the piazza is a specially constructed hammock 15 feet in length. In late years Miss Ewing was at last able to sleep without curling herself up or having some part of body uncovered.

It was Miss Ewing's wish that her body be cremated, but her father would not give his consent and the body was placed in a steel and concrete vault.

It required twenty-five yards of goods to make Miss Ella the simplest dress and her shoes had to be made on a last turned especially for her. They were No. 24's. Her St. Louis shoemaker once had one of these shoes over his doorway as a sign.

W. W. Wagner has received a 10 horse engine and pumping outfit which he will install on his farm five miles southwest of Estancia. Mr. Wagner thinks the well on that place will furnish all the water this outfit can handle. It is his intention to get an experienced irrigationist to farm the place, so that the best results may be obtained.

## STOCKMEN ORGANIZE

Willard, N. M., Jan. 18.—The Stockgrowers' association of Torrance and southern Santa Fe counties, perfected organization October 24th at Willard, by the election of E. M. Brickley, president; Morris Gomez, vice president; Cristino Chavez, secretary; Alejandro Baca, assistant secretary; A. B. McDonald, treasurer and an executive committee consisting of Macario Torres, Pedro Lucero y Torres and A. B. McDonald. Another meeting was held in the Shamrock hall at Willard, January 13th for the purpose of adopting a constitution and by laws for the organization. The constitution and by-laws as prepared by Mr. C. E. McGinnis, attorney of Santa Rosa were adopted with but few alterations and after the transaction of such other business as could properly come before the meeting, adjournment was taken.

This organization is for the purpose of promoting the stock growing industry of Torrance and southern Santa Fe counties. It numbers among its membership those engaged in the stock growing industry or dependent upon it. At the headquarters of the association will be kept on file anything of vital importance or interest to the stock men and circulars containing information with regard to their business will be mailed them time to time. Practically all the stock men of the counties named have joined or soon will join. The membership is now about fifty and others are sending in their dues and affiliating with the organization every day. Among the members are such old timers as A. B. McDonald, Cristino Chavez, Macario Torres, Frank Gomez, Morris Gomez, Cleofas Romero, Victor Lueras, Saturnino Lueras, Antonio Salazar, Pedro Lucero y Torres, G. H. Van Stone, Alejandro Baca, Doreto Tapia, Arnaud Ardans, Eugenio Perez, Perfecto Jaramillo and many others.

## HOWELLS FILE BANKRUPTCY PETITION

A. B. Robertson, attorney for R. C. Howell and N. H. Howell, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the federal court today. The Howells, under the firm name of the Howell Merchandise company, conducted a general merchandise business in Estancia. The assets are given at \$4,966.14 and liabilities at \$6,177.12.—Albuquerque Herald.